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Turkeys roosted high, but the boys had to have 'em.

Mr. Von Tritz has shaved, that might serve as a partial mitigation of past offenses.

It is the apparent purpose of the bill to apportion the damages among the various Teuton fragments.

George W. Wickham is a good lawyer, but just now his opinions have no official force.

Hope that the returning soldiers will turn back the tide of prohibition is a rather vain one. The die is cast.

The Louisville Post thinks Swager would make a good secretary of the treasury. And he would, too.

It might help to reconcile the world if it were explained to him that the Versailles meeting is to be peace—not a war—conference.

Mr. Douglas Haig ought to know more about his deeds in action. That's what he judged Tennessee by.

The Nashville Banner ventures the opinion that the animal which is chasing the outskirts of Knoxville is not a panther but a bull moose.

It will put a crimp in Chattanooga's reputation for doing things if the memorial auditorium proposition allowed to end in talk.

We presume that members of the various party will be called to account. The latter part of the word seems particularly appropriate.

There's hardly a doubt that the general is sorry that he can't dispute Senator Dick's claim of being the original Pershing man.

The war board has demonstrated its superfluity by lifting the ban on the purchase of useless Christmas presents.

It looks as if, when Peru and Chile discovered that nobody was holding them apart, they got out of the nation.

It is a noteworthy observation that the revisions of the casualty lists are downward—regardless of the country for which made.

When salaries of state officials come up for consideration before the legislature, probably the safest plan will be to top off several of them.

Peace clashes in central Europe is what an exchange calls them. Otherwise we might not be able to distinguish them from the war variety.

A counter to the colonel's snort, the Bristol Herald-Courier asks a perfectly pertinent question of what it was that "took" Panama when congress debated?

The German navy hoisted the white flag in accord with the terms of the armistice. But the red flag seems to have the call with the balance of Germany.

The Houston Post thinks that, on account of their loss of 2,000,000 men on the battlefield, France and Great Britain should be allowed to have a little to say about peace.

Concerning the resignation of McAdoo, the Detroit News observes that "we need our great man now." And it is even so. We haven't any surplus.

The homecoming of the boys is going to be signaled by the formation of numerous alliances over which the peace conference will have no control.

The instruments of his warfare were not carnal, but a memorial has just been erected to James Whitcomb Riley at Greenfield, Indiana, his birth place.

An exchange intimates that the boys may stand the disappointment of not eating their Christmas dinner at home if they can get here in time for the opening in the big leagues.

It is to be noted that Lloyd George has set his heart on two reforms which are very much to the fore in this country: Abolition of the discrimination against women and the development of power and light facilities.

The feature of Wm. G. McAdoo's speeches which he made here yesterday that will be remembered is that he advocated a peace with justice. He referred to former statements dictated by conquerors none of which had been permanent. His sentiment must be of a different kind.

Why is the word "allies" used in our relations with the entente? asks the Outlook, and protests they are just as much our allies as they are allies of each other. To all intents and purposes, this, no doubt, is true. But we have no formal alliance with any of the countries with whom we are associated. No treaty was made with Great Britain, France, Italy, Belgium, Greece, Serbia or other nation engaged, which involves our policy in the war against the central powers. There has been, however, an understanding. British statesmen, especially the commission which visited Washington, have been of the opinion so expressed themselves that it was better for all concerned that there be no written agreement.

REMARKABLE PARALLEL.

There are some remarkable coincidences connected with the lives of Woodrow Wilson and William G. McAdoo.

Both men are of southern birth, one born in Virginia and the other in Georgia.

The lineage of both is Scotch-Irish; that virile race which had so much to do with the history of this country and left its permanent stamp especially through the Appalachian south.

Both were educated at southern universities—Wilson at Davidson college, North Carolina, and the University of Virginia, besides Princeton, and McAdoo at the University of Tennessee.

1852 was a memorable year in the life of each.

In that year Woodrow Wilson, as a young lawyer, hung out his shingle in Atlanta, and Wm. G. McAdoo, a boy of 13, entered the office of United States district court here as deputy clerk.

The parallel may be carried further. Both reached the east in the early 30's. Wilson, as a professor at Princeton, leading to his presidency of that institution; McAdoo, as a lawyer in New York, later to do his great work as builder of the Hudson tunnel.

The cycle of thirty years from 1852 was completed in 1912: McAdoo was the leading figure among the traction captains of the east; Woodrow Wilson was governor of New Jersey. McAdoo became the chief protagonist of the Wilson campaign.

Then he entered the political family of the president.

It is not necessary to refer to the rest.

But, there we have a curious circle of events in American history based on the careers of two young men who started life in two progressive cities in the south in 1852.

FOOD SITUATION IN GERMANY.

The Cologne Gazette of Nov. 18 published an article under the caption "Armistice and the Food Supply," written by a specialist named Oetershofen, who argued that there could be no question of a shortage of food in Germany, but that it was urgently necessary to reduce rations.

The writer maintained that Germany could deal with the transport problem by readjustments, reducing the transport of potatoes and vegetables, and confining the facilities to foods of greater nutritive value in proportion to their bulk. He advocated the killing of pigs in particular, the abolition of the rationing of sugar, and the restriction of railway consignments, for distances over 150 miles, to corn, sugar, live cattle, meat, fat, poultry, eggs, and cheese.

Oetershofen estimated the bread corn harvest, apart from barley and oats, at not less than 12,000,000 tons, and the potato harvest at about 47,500,000 tons. He pointed out that Germany must have an abundance of sugar, because most of the German sugar hitherto had been used as raw material for munitions, and Germany now had a sugar harvest of about 1,808,000 tons, as compared with a peace consumption of only 1,200,000 tons. The potato supply, he said, must also benefit from the fact that it was no longer necessary to extract spirits from potatoes for munitions.

"Even after the armistice," the writer said, "there is abundance of food in Germany for the population if we reduce the consumption by animals by reducing the stocks of cattle. It is to be expected that food prices will soon fall sharply. The public can contribute to this end if it will avoid hoarding of supplies and wait for cheaper prices."

No doubt the scare in Germany is due to a shortage produced by hoarding. If the populace of that country were as anxious on the meat and bread question as was the Kaiser as evidenced by the stores of food found packed away in Potsdam castle, then it is not surprising that they have run out. When a people is over-regulated, as it is in war times and then suddenly the cords binding it are cut, the result is likely to be disastrous, as was the case in Russia. The millions of soldiers returning to their homes in Austria-Hungary and Germany have added to the problems. This also is a condition similar to that described by Princess Czarenka as to the situation in Russia after the revolution. Every little government, too, is taking all the food it can gather and stopping train service beyond its borders.

What Germany needs, more than the impression of food, is to restore order. However, there may be regions so threatened with famine that allied aid will have to be extended. It would not only be un-Christian, but it would be a serious mistake for many reasons not to relieve any crying need. We expect Germany to pay the costs of restoration, where her armies have done so much harm. They can't do it if starvation reigns and disorder grows. We expect Germany to become part of the league of nations. Unless conditions improve, there will be no Germany, but instead there will be a wide expanse where anarchy exists and with the danger that its infection may cross the border.

LLOYD GEORGE'S PLATFORM.

A manifesto or election appeal, issued in collaboration by Lloyd George and Bonar Law, makes no mention of the Irish question, but is a remarkable deliverance for all that. It covers a wide field in politics and sociology. As might be inferred from the existing situation, it promises sweeping constructive and constitutional reforms.

The item which the new government would place at the head of its program is the conclusion of a just and lasting peace that further wars may be forever averted. And the next in sequence is the reduction of the burdens of armaments and promotion of a league of nations. Those

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